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Title: NOVEL PHOSPHORYLATION REAGENTS FOR IMPROVED PROCESS TO
CONVERT TERMINAL HYDROXYL GROUPS OF OLIGONUCLEOTIDES INTO
PHOSPHATE MONOESTERS

REPLY PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

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Sir:

This Reply is being filed in response to the Office Action mailed from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on January 11, 2007, for the above-identified application. Reconsideration and further examination are kindly requested.

An Extension of Time to reply to the Office Action is respectfully requested. A Petition for Extension of Time and the appropriate fees are being filed concurrently with this Amendment and Reply.

AMENDMENT

Please amend the Application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the Listing of Claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 3 of this paper.

Conclusion is on page 5 of this paper.